



A refresher course about the CFO by W9TO Jim Ricks, CFO # 1:

"The CFO was organized, sort of, in November, 1979, when Stan, W9WBL and his wife Doris, issued the first CFO fun certificates, following hi-tech talk and bad jokes about the many uses of chicken fat (encoded CF) - CFO really means CF Operators.

"Membership is by invitation or persuasion from two other CFO members, who attest that the candidate is able to copy at least 45 wpm, using ears and brain cells, and enjoys sociable QSOs. Many bug & keyer users may not keep up with the cw keyboards, but it's the message, not the medium.

"Sponsors should send Stan needed information: QSO name, full correct address, and anything of interest to others, such as favorite cw bands, age, occupation, etc. Future KEY CLUCKS will print that information, by way of introduction to all other members."

ABOUT THE KEY CLUCKS: Our bulletin, Key Clucks, was intended to be an occasional news letter. As members know very well, we do not have any kind of a publishing schedule, but we are trying to make it a quarterly thing... and ABOUT THE KEY CLUCKS FORMAT: We prefer the standard yellow sheets as typing it is easier for the chicken at the keys. We can get space for illuminations (for those of us who don't read but look at pictures), W9TO recalls an old Chinese proverb: ONE GOOFY CHICKEN IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. Pages are sequential, going in and coming out, printing & collating & stapling is easier and cheaper, and with our left margin, KEY CLUCKS may be punched and inserted into a binder, along with the rooster.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!



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# CLUCK-IN REPORT - 1987

## (THE CFO DOES IT AGAIN IN NASHVILLE!)

by Jim W9TO

A total of 48 CFO and devoted followers transformed the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville into a shimmering Taj Mahal chicken coop during the first weekend in May. Some arrived Thursday, more Friday & Saturday. The Saturday evening buffet-banquet was rated 1 kw by envious Nashville guitar pickers.



Per happy custom, Steve K4CJX presented award certificates to:

Sal N2CPM "How did you know I'm from the Bronx?"  
Larry WA2CVV "You gotta prune your antenna"  
and "Retired and on my way to work"

Mary WB2ZLC "XYL shopper award"  
Bill N4HKS "Favorite guest award"

Wayne NZ4W "Nashville Navigator award"  
Frank KBØPB "You can do it better on SSB"  
and Nikki (xyl) "Official CFO elevator operator"

Ray WØGHX "Fastest straight key in Minnesota"  
Doc KS5S "Had problems, but I did get here"

John WB9AOX "CFO's Hell's Angel"

Charles K4WK "Finally got to a Cluck-In!"  
Bryan VE3PEV "Damn, it's hot down here"

The (almost-official) "WHAT YOU AGAIN" award went to DOC K2ONP ★ STEVE K4CJX ★ VERLE N4VB ★ CURLY W9KF for attendance beyond the CQ of duty. These hard-core chickens (almost) enjoyed EVERY CFO Cluck-In from the very first in Dayton, April - 1981....through to Nashville, 1987.



a little nostalgia...

As we think about awards, we recall our favorite from the 1985 Cluck-In...the BEER MAKES BETTER BODIES award, presented to Joe, KØBX

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